

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Resources

Quarterly Bulletin: April – June, 2014

This quarterly bulletin compiles Common Core resources that were shared via the Agency's [Weekly Field Memo](#). The bulletins are stored on the Agency's [CCSS page](#).

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News & Updates:

New Feature on the Agency's Website: *Let's Talk Education*

Audience: All

We recently launched a new feature, [Let's Talk Education](#). This month we are spotlighting VT standards - specifically the Common Core. We asked the field and Agency staff to discuss the instructional shifts, what the standards are and why they are necessary. [Click here](#) to read what the field has to say.

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English Language Arts/Literacy Web Page Highlights

Audience: K-12 Educators

Visit our [English Language Arts/Literacy](#) page to access useful resources for connecting standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. Check out the *Videos for Instructional Support* section for useful tips on implementing various strands of the Common Core ELA standards.

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Vermont Teachers Featured on Agency's *Let's Talk Education* blog

Audience: All

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- Christina Suarez, Social Studies teacher at Lake Region UHS: <http://bit.ly/1i3Fo0i>
- Craig Divis, Social Studies teacher at Bellows Falls UHS: <http://bit.ly/1o5zhQA>
- Katy Farber, 6th grade teacher at Rumney Memorial School: <http://bit.ly/1jCSoiZ>

- Sue Zeineth-Collins, ELA & Tech Educator at Montgomery Elementary: <http://bit.ly/1h7VDJD>
- Valerie Gasco, Special Educator at Riverside Middle School: <http://bit.ly/1jUqrNV>

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Webinars, Conferences & Professional Development:

Archived ELA Webinar Series: Constructing Quality Performance Tasks

Audience: K-12 Educators

Last fall, we offered Common Core ELA workshops focused on assessment design. In this [webinar series](#), we continue to explore methods of authentic assessment design that support your daily instruction and units of study. Access the webinar series here: <http://bit.ly/1kzsFqb>.

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Common Core “Great Tasks” LNV and Case Study Learning Progressions Workshops

Audience: All Mathematics Educators

We have bundled our second and third PL opportunities in VE²! The LNV session now has a voice-over Power Point feature, and our Case Studies offer additional time with interpreting evidence of student learning, and acting on that evidence. You can find all you need to recreate the PL in VE²

<http://ve2.vermont.gov/>, Professional Development tab, CCSS Learning Progressions K-5 Place Value Reasoning OR CCSS Learning Progressions 6-12 Proportional Reasoning.

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2014-15 Leadership and Curriculum Director Series Announced by Vermont PLN

Audience: School Leaders, Curriculum Directors, Educators

The Vermont Professional Learning Network has announced two yearlong series for educators. The Leadership Implementation Teams’ series will support the work of school leaders as they implement the Common Core, while the Vermont Curriculum Directors’ sessions will build upon previously completed series. More information is available on the Vermont PLN website:

<http://www.vermontpln.org/>.

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Curriculum, Standards & Assessments:

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Resources on the AOE Website

Audience: All

Check out our Common Core website, we add new resources on a weekly basis: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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Common Core State Standards (CCSS): FAQ from Secretary Holcombe

Audience: All

[Click here](#) to read the Common Core FAQ by Secretary Holcombe. Learn more about Common Core in Vermont here: <http://education.vermont.gov/common-core>.

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Sec. Holcombe on VermontPLN blog: What is the Common Core & Why Did VT Adopt It?

Audience: All

The Common Core is an aspirational document, one in a series of standards documents that seek to describe what all students should know and be able to do in order to thrive in college and careers in the 21st century. [Click here](#) to read the blog.

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Early Education Webinars: Play, Exploration, and Talk Pave the Way to the Common Core State Standards

Audience: Early Educators

What is the relationship between the Common Core State Standards and early childhood programs? Manuela Fonseca and Pat Fitzsimmons recently completed a two-part series to address this question. View recordings of webinar part one <http://tinyurl.com/pggs23o> and part two <http://tinyurl.com/lpf7a22>.

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Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Secondary Literacy Resources Across Content Areas

Audience: Grades 6-12 Educators

Looking for multidisciplinary performance assessment strategies and exemplars? Join the group for middle and high school ELA & Literacy resource sharing across English, social studies, science, and the

technical subjects. Join our Secondary ELA & Literacy Group on ve2 here: ve2.vermont.gov/. Check out the latest Scoop.it! resources for grades 6-12 ELA & Literacy here: <http://goo.gl/SusIYR>.

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